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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

In the absence of any special subject for the IAC Meeting on May 20th, you may wish to mention that we hope to clear up before long the following interdepartmental matters which are still pending:

International Communism (Jigsaw Project)

Memo was circulated May 3rd. All except Air have replied and approved the project.

Scientific Intelligence

No results yet from several meetings and discussions. There will be more to determine one overall Scientific Committee with working groups in different fields versus several small specialized committees. CIA seems to be getting along all right nowadays with the Research and Development Board, and meeting their needs. The Army's proposal to handle Medical Intelligence as a part of Scientific Intelligence was circulated on May 17th. We should like to get a meeting of the minds on Scientific Intelligence so that we can get on with this whole field.

Exploitation of Foreign Documents

for intelligence purposes, we think is better than full "Translations". The interdepartmental committee now working on this should come up with some ideas before long.

Industrial Register Cards

The Army and Air Force have not agreed with the proposed changes which we think are more efficient than the old system. We hope that samples which we've recently made for them will clarify the new scheme so that it will be acceptable to them.

Transliteration

of Foreign names seems to be getting on with systems for Far Eastern and Slavic language. They are working with the Board of Geographic Names and making progress.

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